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SOBER AND Seasonable Queries

Humbly offered to all GOOD PROTESTANTS IN ENGLAND,

In Order to a Choice of the New Parliament.

I. WHether the Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, are not designed for Destruction by the Hellish Conspiracy of the bloody Papists, as hath been declared by two Parliaments, and sufficiently proved by the King's Witnesses before the Judges of this Kingdom.

II. What posture of Defence extraordinary is the City of *London* and Nation in at the Discovery of so Hellish a Plot, to defend themselves from the Insurrection of Papists at home, and Invasion from Papists abroad suitable to the desires of a Loyal Parliament.

III. Whether Prorogation and Dissolution of Parliaments at such a time as this doth not fill the hearts of Protestant Subjects with evident fears of Destruction, and gives the cursed Plotters too to much ground to believe that their day is coming.

IV. Whether have we not great reason to fear that the Papists will not hereby take encouragement to proceed in their Hellish Design to Murder the King, who they know is sworn at his Coronation to maintain and defend the Protestants Religion (and so is solemnly engaged against them) whereby they may

ſubvert the Government, by bringing in a Popiſh Succeſſor, in whom is all their help and hope.

V. Whether any Speeches to, or in Parliament, in favour of a Popiſh Succeſſor, is not of direct tendency to prepare the Nation to make Tryal of it again, as if the dreadful Effects of Queen *Mary*'s Raign were, or ever can be forgotten, whoſe great promiſes was ſealed with Fire and Faggot.

VI. If ſo, what are we to think of them that have or ſhall diſcountenance, or endeavour to corrupt the King's Witneſſes: or that do indulge arraigned Traytors impudently to aſperſe the Juſtice of the Land.

VII. Whether it is not the indiſpenſible Duty of all Proteſtant Magiſtrates whatſoever, with the People of *England*, to conſider with themſelves, and conſult the Learned in the Laws what Power God and the King, and the Laws have put into their hands for the prevention of *Popery* and Slavery, both from themſelves and poſterity, leſt their Ignorance and Security bring Deſtruction without Recovery.

VIII. Whether it will not be for the perpetual Honour of the Magiſtrates of *London*, to be firſt in this work, foraſmuch as that famous City hath woful experience in their many dreadful Burnings, that the tender mercies of the Papiſts towards them is Popiſh Cruelty.

IX. Whether that Coſtly Monument erected near *London-Bridge*, is not to be a perpetual Land-mark for all Engliſh and Forein Proteſtants, forever to remember 1666. *September* 2. when thoſe curſed Plotters began to ſet Fire at a Baker's-Houſe in *Pudding-Lane*, which by theſe Emiſaries was conducted on, for four daies together, till it laid in Aſhes, thirteen thouſand two hundred Houſes, laying waſte three hundred ſeventy three Acres of Land within the Walls, and above ſixty three Acres without the Walls, with eighty nine Pariſh-Churches.

X. Whether the *Spaniſh* Invaſions, 1588. and the Gunpowder-Treaſon, 1605. together with the cruel Murders and Maſſacres on ſome Hundred thouſand *Proteſtants*, Men, Women and Children, in the *Netherlands*, *Ireland*, *Piedmont*, and the *Albigenſes*, be not a ſufficient Warning to *England*, That they beſeech their God, and their King, and their Parliament, That no *Papiſt*, of ſuch deſtructive Principles, may dwell in our Land?

XI. Whether ſuch a Day as this, doth not loudly Call for Repentance, that *Proteſtants* have been perſecuting each other, and for Unity in Affection among all *Proteſtant* Subjects, whether Conforming or Diſſenting in ſome leſſer Points; And that as Brethren they unite in ſuch a Combination or Conjunction as was in Queen *Elizabeth*'s time, with good Succeſs to defend the Crown, Religion and Kingdom, againſt the common Enemy of Mankind; Foraſmuch as the Epiſcopal Proteſtants, as well as others, muſt lye down in the ſame Bed of Flames together, if the Pope and his Party get the upper-hand.

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XII. Whether it be not the Duty of all Good *Proteſtants*, to pray for the Long Life of the King, That He may Live ſo, as becometh the ſame Religion, it being an Enemy to all Vice, and the Maintenance of all Virtue; Forasmuch alſo, That the Removing of the King, (as the *Papiſts* call it) is the moſt likely way to let in *Popery*, and a Thouſand other Miſeries upon this poor Kingdom?

XIII. Whether it be not high time for all the *Proteſtants* in *England*, to Reſolve, as one Man, That they will ſtand by and maintain the Power and Priviledges of Parliament; Together with the Power and juſt Rights of the King, according to the Laws of the Kingdom, ſo as the one may not Intrench upon the other?

XIV. Whether it be not the Duty of all Good Proteſtants, to be heartily Thankful to God, for the timely Diſcoveries of this Helliſh Plot; And alſo to pray, That God would preſerve the King and Kingdoms Witneſſes, that they may finiſh their Teſtimony, to the well becoming ſo ſignal a Work, and humble Behaviour before Almighty God, the King and Kingdom; That they may obtain Mercy at the Hand of God, and not be Caſt-aways to themſelves, while they are of ſuch publick Uſe and Benefit to theſe bleeding Nations?

XV. Whether all the Counties, Cities and Corporations in *England*, are not at this time more highly Concerned than ever, to make Choice of ſuch for Parliament Men, as may not Sell, but Save them, to the Happy Settlement of our preſent Proteſtant King and Government?

XVI. Whether therefore it be not the Duty of the People, to chooſe ſuch as are well known to be Men of good Conſcience and Courage, thoroughly Principled in the Proteſtant Religion, and of high Reſolution to maintain it with their Lives and Fortunes?

XVII. Whether all true *Engliſh* Men ought not ſeriouſly to conſider, what they truſt the Parliament with, *viz.* their Eſtates, Liberties, Religion and Lives; And ſhould they be undone in any of theſe, when it is too late, they may Lament themſelves, That they are undone by making ſuch a Choice as have undone them by Law?

XVIII. Whether it ſhould not be the great Care of all Counties, Cities and Boroughs, to conſider who have been formerly Penſioners or Farmers of Popery; And whether they are fit again to be Intruſted with their Religion, Lives and Liberties?

XIX. Whether you are not bound to conſider thoſe worthy Members of the late Parliament, who have already Faithfully ſerved you, and the whole Kingdom, with their Perſons and Eſtates; And now ſhew your Eſteems of them, and Acceptance of their former Services, by an Unanimous Chooſing of them again, Forasmuch as they are beſt acquainted with the Deplorable ſtate of theſe Kingdoms?

XX. Whether it be not your indiſpenſible Duties, to endeavor to make their Elections eaſie, by bearing your own Charges, and the Charges of the meaner ſort of Freeholders, leſt ſuch as would Heartily ſerve you, be in time Diſcouraged, to undertake that great Work of preſerving you and your Poſteri-ties, in your lawful and undoubted Rights ?

XXI. Whether may we not, without breach of Charity, conclude, That if known Pentioners do now Buy Seats in Parliament, they do not intend again to make Merchandize of all that is dear to us ? And whether will not all Freeholders and Electors, be deſervedly accounted Infamous, and the Be-trayers of their Countrey, who ſhall Reſolvedly, after ſuch Diſcoveries of our Dangers, and ſuch Opportunities of being, by God's Bleſſing, delivered from them by honeſt *Engliſh* Parliaments, Sell themſelves, their Wives, Children and Eſtates, for one of *Eſau*'s Morſels?

XXII. Whether it be not the hearty Prayer of all good Proteſtants, That the King would be pleaſed to hearken unto, and relie upon the Advice of His Parliament ; and avoid all ſuch, who ſeek to make themſelves Rich, by making the King and Kingdom Poor : Foraſmuch as the Parliament are the Great Council of the King and Kingdom ; and by them the King is ſupplied, out of the Purſe of the Kingdom ; and they Command and Encourage the People to venture the ſhedding of their deareſt Blood in any Juſt and Righteous Cauſe, to maintain the King and Kingdoms Power and Greatneſs ?

XXIII. Whether if you will believe the *Jeſuits* and *Prieſts* at St. *Omers*, That there was never any ſuch Man as Sir *Edmund-berry Godfrey* born ; And if you will believe what his Murderers ſaid at their Death, that they did not Murder him, then you muſt not believe there was any ſuch Man as Sir *Edmund-berry Godfrey* in *England*?

XXIV. Laſtly, Whether if *Popiſh* Treaſons and Murders, render the *Papiſts* at their Death, as Innocent as the Child unborn, who would not be a Murderer, and *Popiſh* Traytor ?

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